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WEST TEXAS STATE NORMAL IN SESSION

OPENS TUESDAY WITH ENROLLMENT OF 152 STUDENTS.

Building not Complete and Classes Being Held in Court House This Week.

Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the first services of the West Texas State Normal were held in the Methodist church. The Normal building is not in proper condition to receive the students and provision was made to hold classes and get organized in the court house. The work will be transferred to the Normal in a few days now.

At the opening session, the church was packed to the doors with students, citizens and high school scholars. Every one in Canyon has a deep interest in the Normal, and business was almost suspended during the hour the service was held. At the beginning of the service President Cousins announced that the formal opening would be postponed until December, and that the session Tuesday was on the introductory order.

The first number of the program was the hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy," after which Rev. J. M. Harder, of the Baptist church, was introduced to the audience, and who responded with a few well chosen words of welcome. "We do not alone welcome you to the city, to the county, to the Plains, or to the great state of Texas, but we welcome you to our hearts," was the keynote of Rev. Harder's address. The gift of the citizens to the Normal was not with a view of financial gain, said the speaker, but it was to make this the greatest Normal in the state; it was a gift to the future generation. The city of Canyon extends welcome for what she expects of the students in civic righteousness; for the influence they will have over our boys and girls; for the moral and spiritual influence expected of them; they were welcomed for the education they now have, and for what they expect to gain while here; they were welcomed for the educational influence they would bring, and the influence of youth upon those who are growing old.

After this stirring and patriotic address, "America" was sung. President Cousins then took charge of the service and made several announcements in regard to the opening which will be held in December and regarding the work until they moved into the new building. The domestic science, manual training, agricultural and music departments will not begin operations until the building is completed. But other work will progress nicely and there is much to do until that time. Many false impressions had been sent abroad regarding the work, said the president, hence the attendance was cut down some. But "let us not be as much interested in those who are not present as those who are present. We are going to make it profitable for those who are here." In speaking of other schools Pres. Cousins said, "This institution is not a competitor in any small sense and is not a rival in any sense with any school in this country. There is work enough for every institution in Texas so none need infringe upon the work of another. Each one doing its duty there is still plenty of people yet unreached."

At this point President Cousins introduced to the students

the professors who were in charge of the registration, and afterward the rest of the faculty. He expressed a desire that the day would come when the students could look back and be proud of the fact that they had been among the first who had registered at the Normal. "We'll try to make it worthy of the best there is in you." In addressing the young people of Canyon, the president said, "It is a mighty poor boy or girl who has good health and can't get an education." He set before the audience the advantage of the Normal and urged those not in school should take advantage of it. "The only failure in life is not to make the best quality out of the stuff of which we are made."

THE REGISTRATION.

Registration began at the court house Tuesday afternoon and is still progressing. The number has reached 152, and bids fair to reach the 200 mark before the term is much advanced. The students come from all parts of the state, and a few are from Oklahoma and New Mexico. The farthest away are three coming from Colulla, La Salle county which is near the Mexico border, one from San Antonio, one from Junction City and one from Mason. These come to the Plains to enjoy the delightful climate of the school year.

The first student to register was Miss Mammie Conner, of this city, who was the first white child born in Randall county. Miss Conner registered as an advanced student, having attended Baylor University for one year.

Out of the 152 students, Canyon has 54 enrolled. This is a very good showing for the first year and is all that was expected by the faculty. The 98 out-of-town students have been provided with good rooming places and are getting ready for a good year of work.

A COINCIDENT.

A happy coincident occurred at the Normal opening. It happened that the time set for the beginning of the exercises was the 20th wedding anniversary of President and Mrs. R. B. Cousins, their wedding having been performed at 10 o'clock on the 20th of September, 1890.

Baptist Sunday School.

Next Sunday, the 25th inst., is the promotion day of the Baptist Sunday school. The teachers and officers of the Sunday school are requested to be at the church promptly at 9:30 a. m. and every pupil and member of the Sunday school is requested to be there promptly at 9:45 a. m. Do not fail to be on hand promptly as it is necessary that every pupil and teacher and officer to be there next Sunday. There will be some special music and reading selections. Now you may miss something by not being on hand promptly.

J. C. HUNT, Supt.

BAPTIST CHURCH ADDITION.

Church Will Build an Addition of 20x30 Feet in Order to Accommodate Sunday School.

A committee was appointed at the Sunday evening service of the Baptist church to attend to the matter of getting more room for the Sunday school. The committee met at Judge J. C. Hunt's office Monday morning and decided to commence a temporary addition of 20x30 feet to accommodate the Sunday school until a new church could be built. The committee will start the work at once, making such arrangements as they see fit.



THE OLD SETTLER'S VISION.

NORMAL OPENING ABOUT DECEMBER

ENTIRE BUILDING WILL BE COMPLETED ABOUT THAT TIME.

Gov. Campbell, State Supt. Bralley and Other Notables will be Here Then.

Announcement has been made by President Cousins that the formal Normal college opening will be about the first of December. By that time the entire building will be completed and turned over by the contractor. The president has received definite information that Gov. Campbell and Supt. Bralley will be here for the dedication, and it is Pres. Cousins' ambition to make this the greatest educational gathering ever held on the Plains. Visitors will be here from every corner of the state.

This is excursion week and a large number of land prospectors came down yesterday.

AMARILLO STILL DRY.

Comptroller Stephens Holds Election Void While Contest of 1907 Is in Courts.

Amarillo is dry again, figuratively speaking. The recent local option election is declared void so long as the case of 1907 is still in the courts. Meanwhile the comptroller demands the return of those licenses which he had issued before this ruling was made. Thus Amarillo will have the long fought battle still to fight unless something unexpected happens.

C. I. C's Entertained.

Miss Genevieve Redburn entertained the C. I. C. class of the M. E. church Friday night. Various entertainments were indulged in and a delightful time was enjoyed by all.

New Optician.

E. Burroughs, son-in-law of W. T. Gilliam, has come to Canyon to live and will be with the Thompson Drug Co. Mr. Burroughs is an optician, jeweler and watchmaker.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE HERE ON OCTOBER 3

R. A. TERRILL RECEIVES LETTER FROM SAM H. DIXON.

Great Treat for Every Randall County Farmer to be Held at Canyon Third of Next Month.

In a letter sent to R. A. Terrill this week, Sam H. Dixon, chief clerk for the Commissioner of Agriculture, announced that the tour party will be in Canyon on Monday, Oct. 3. Mr. Dixon is very anxious to see every farmer in Randall county on this date as he will have something worth their while. In the party will also be, J. W. Neill, Director of Farmers' Institutes, and J. E. Edmonson, former lecturer of the state Farmers Union.

The following is the itinerary of the party:
Stratford—Saturday, Sept. 24;
Dalhart—Monday, Sept. 26;
Channing—Tuesday, Sept. 27;
Tascosa—Wednesday, Sept. 28;
Claude—Thursday and Friday, Sept. 29-30;
Amarillo—Saturday, Oct. 1;
Canyon—Oct. 3;
Hereford—Tuesday, Oct. 4;
Dimmitt—Wednesday, Oct. 5;
Tulia—Thursday, Oct. 6;
Silverton—Friday, Oct. 7;
Lockney—Saturday, Oct. 8;
Floydada—Monday, Oct. 10;
Plainview—Tuesday, Oct. 11;
Lubbock—Wednesday, Oct. 12;
Tahoka—Thursday, Oct. 13;
Lamasa—Friday, Oct. 14.

MORE HOUSES COMING.

Contractor Wheeler Starts on Another House Next Week. With Two More Later.

That things are coming our way is manifested by the number of houses that are being moved over from Hereford and other places. Contractor Hiram Wheeler no more than got the Wray house nicely started on the way than H. S. Burnham told him to start moving his house over from Hereford as soon as possible. This house will be here next week. Two more men are figuring on moving their houses from Hereford in a few weeks.

SOWING MORE WHEAT AND BETTER WHEAT

H. M. BAINER TELLS HOW TO SOW AND CARE FOR WHEAT.

The Preparation of the Ground, the Quality of the Seed and Seeding is Discussed.

With the increased acreage of wheat that is to be sown this fall more than ordinary care should be used in securing good seed, and in preparing the ground for it. Usually the yield and quality of a wheat crop is very much affected by the amount of work and attention given to it. Judging from present indications, this fall's wheat ground is going to be poorly prepared, and a great deal of poor seed will be sown.

Mr. Farmer, don't let this last statement mean you!

PREPARATION OF SEED BED.

Deep plowing just before seeding time is not advisable, as wheat requires a firm seed bed. Deep plowing at the right time, is very favorable to wheat production, especially in hard soils. Under these conditions the land should be plowed long enough before seeding time so that it will become well settled before the wheat is sown. Deep plowing for wheat in August or September is not advisable. Lands prepared at this time, or later, should be worked shallow—at a depth not to exceed four or five inches. Often, where there are but few if any weeds, the disc harrow will make a good seed bed without plowing, provided the land has been well worked the previous year. Under all conditions of plowing for wheat whether deep or shallow, the ground should be packed, or harrowed or both, immediately after the plow, this not only helps to hold the moisture, but firms the ground and puts it in a better physical condition.

GOOD SEED.

Too much cannot be said in favor of good pure seed. A great deal of the wheat which will be used for seed this fall is very badly mixed and is of an inferior quality. It pays to sow good seed, even if it has to be bought at a price slightly above market. Seed grown under similar conditions will produce better crops than that grown under different conditions. Good seed wheat for Oklahoma and Texas can be secured at Kansas points, slightly above market prices.

A mistake that should not be made in sowing too much seed per acre; from three pecks to five pecks per acre is enough, depending on the soil and conditions.

It is a good plan to treat the seed wheat for smut, whether the wheat appears free from it or not. The "Formalin Treatment" is considered the most reliable.

SEEDING.

Sow all wheat with some good reliable grain drill and cover it with the press wheel attachment. The press wheel attachment firms the ground immediately around the seed, and insures it coming up evenly and better. The seed should be planted in moist soil at a depth of from one and one half to three inches. Seed can be sown slightly deeper in loose sandy soil than in a heavy or tight soil. It is far better to sow a small acreage, and do it well, than to sow twice as many acres and give it but one-half of the needed work.

H. M. BAINER,
Agricultural Demonstrator,
Santa Fe Ry. Co.



PRESIDENT R. B. COUSINS

President Cousins has worked hard during the period of organization of the West Texas State Normal, and his efforts have been greatly blessed by the splendid opening this week.